Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That is a hypothetical question.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—Did not the issue of orders prohibiting particular persons from speaking at the meeting virtually prevent so many other people from participating in the meeting?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The order of the District Magistrate had nothing to do with the holding of the meeting. Further, this is not the place for anybody to discuss the order of the District Magistrate.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—What exactly were the reasons for issuing the prohibitory orders?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The reasons cannot be discussed on the Floor of the House.

Mr. S. RANGARAMIAH.—Did the District Magistrate explain the reasons to the President of the Municipal Council and did the latter inform the conveners of the meeting that for such and such reasons the meeting was prohibited?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—I cannot say.

Mr. S. RANGARAMIAH.—Are the Government aware that permission had first been given to hold the meeting in the Town Hall?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—I want notice.

Mr. S. RANGARAMIAH.—Has the District Magistrate any control over the Town Hall?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—In all matters governed by the Police Regulation, the District Magistrate has every jurisdiction over all parts of his district.

Mr. S. RANGARAMIAH.—Can the District Magistrate order the closure of the Town Hall when the Municipal President, in whose direct charge it is, gives permission to hold a meeting in it?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—I have already answered that question.

Mr. S. RANGARAMIAH.—Will the Government be pleased to see that in future such things do not recur?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—If similar reasons hold, similar action will have to be taken.

Mr. S. RANGARAMIAH.—Do the Government consider that there were adequate reasons for preventing the meeting?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—You are entering into a discussion of the question.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Are the Government aware that Srimati Kamala Devi is one of the most distinguished Indians and that she must have had good reasons for going over to Mysore?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Government are not aware.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—For what reasons was she prevented from speaking?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—For some good reasons.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—What were they?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—I cannot state them here.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Will not the curtailment of the liberty of speech cause bitterness in the minds of the people as a whole?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—There was no such thing in the case under reference. If at all, particular individuals might have resented the order.

Mr. T. MADIAH GOWDA.—Will the Government be pleased to see that, as far as possible, our liberty of speech is not curtailed?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Liberty of speech such as is permissible under the law of the land has at no time been curtailed.

Mr. H. K. VEERANNA GOWDA.—Had the District Magistrate made enquiries beforehand as to who were all the likely speakers at the meeting?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Notice.

Mr. H. K. VEERANNA GOWDA.—Was the Proprietor of the Krishna Bhavan Hotel also expected to speak at the meeting?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Notice.

Admissions to the School of Engineering, Bangalore.

Q.—6. Messrs. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR, B. M. MUNISWAMAPPA and A. N. RAMA RAO (Special Interests); B. L. BYANNA and C. N. NARASINGA

RAO (Bangalore City Municipality); B. MUNIVENKATAPPA and N. APPANNA REDDY (Bangalore Taluk); T. MADIAH GOWDA (Channapatna Taluk); B. CHOODE GOWDA (Closepet Ta uk); S. KARIYAPPA, V. L. CHAME GOWDA and Gurukar VENKATARAMANE GOWDA (Kankanhalli Taluk); Patel HANUME GOWDA (Dodballapur Taluk); GURUSWAMI GOWDA (Hoskote Taluk); A. HANUMANTHARAYAPPA (Devanhalli Taluk); S. SARABHANNA (Anekal Taluk) B. MALLAPPA and A. M. CHANNAMARE GOWDA (Nelamangala Taluk); Patel HONNASIDDIAH (Magadi Taluk); A. M. VENKATASWAMAIYA (Closepet Municipality); K. P. PARASIVIAH (Kankanhalli Municipality) and K. NARAYANA SETTY (Magadi Municipality).

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of applicants for admission to and the number of seats allotted in the Engineering School, Bangalore, annually during the last five years ;

(*b*) what are the courses now taught in the school ;

(*c*) is it a fact that, for want of accommodation, the classes in the school are spread over in three different places ;

(*d*) is it a fact that the school is now under the control of the Education Department ;

(*e*) are Government aware that similar schools in Madras, Bombay, Nagpur, Rangoon, etc., are all under the control of the Public Works Department ;

(*f*) are Government aware that the Mysore Engineers' Association passed a resolution emphasizing the need for transferring the control of the school from the Education Department to the Public Works Department ?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatesa Iyengar).—

	Year	No. of applicants	No. admitted
(*a*)	1931-32	539	123
	1932-33	539	116
	1933-34	391	110
	1934-35	323	105
	1935-36	334	106

(*b*) The courses now provided are—

(1) Mechanical Engineering—Higher and Lower grades.

(2) Electrical Engineering—Higher and Lower grades.

(3) Civil Engineering.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Information is not readily available.

(*f*) Yes.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—In view of the ever-increasing number of applicants for admission to the Engineering School, have the Government made any arrangements for providing additional seats in the school ?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—It is obviously impossible to admit all the applicants.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Have the Government attempted to provide at least a few more seats by extending the building ?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—Extension of building is a question of funds. But as large a number of applicants as possible are being admitted.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—What will be the approximate cost of extending the building so as to provide accommodation for all the applicants ?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—That suggestion is well worth consideration. It will be examined.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—There was an Automobile Section in the Mechanical Engineering School formerly. Why has it been wound up now ?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—Because training in that branch is available elsewhere—in private companies and institutions.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Have the Government made any arrangements with private companies as to the lines on which such training should be given ?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—No.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Then, how can the Government know whether training is given on proper lines in those institutions ? And when students prefer to receive training in a Government institution, why should they be compelled to join private institutions ?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—When training of a particular kind is

already available in private institutions, there is no purpose in Government also giving similar training.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Is it a fact that the Mechanical Engineering School is going to be amalgamated with the Engineering College and the combined institution handed over to the University ?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—The question is under consideration.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Before giving effect to the scheme, will the Government be pleased to ascertain the opinion of the Assembly in the matter ?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—Government note your suggestion.

Mr. D. VENKATARAMANAPPA.—Will the Government be pleased also to consider the question of providing seats for all pupils belonging to backward communities, at least after increasing the accommodation in the school or combined institution.

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—That suggestion also will be considered.

Sub-Registry Office at Malvalli.

Q.—7. Mr. PUTTASWAMI GOWDA (Malvalli Taluk).

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when was it ordered that the documents executed in the villages of Kirgaval Hobli of Malvalli Taluk should be registered at Bannur ;

(*b*) to which hobli do the villages of Ragi Bommanahalli and Muganur belong ; what is their distance from Bannur and Malvalli ; to what taluk does Bannur belong ;

(*c*) how many villages are included in the Kirgaval Hobli (names of villages in detail to be furnished) ;

(*d*) how far are Malvalli and Bannur from each of these villages (details of distance to be furnished for each village) ;

(*e*) are Government aware that people of some of these villages are undergoing hardship in having to go to Bannur to have their documents registered there ?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatesa Iyengar).—

(*a*) *Vide* Notification No. Fl. 8983—Regis. 15-28-11, dated 6th June 1929 (Appendix).

(*b*) They belong to Kirgaval Hobli. Their distance from Bannur is 12 and 15 miles and from Malvalli 2½ and 1 mile respectively. Bannur belongs to T.-Narsipur Taluk.

(*c*) Forty-five villages ; *vide* list annexed (Appendix).

(*d*) *Vide* list (Appendix).

(*e*) Yes.

Mr. PUTTASWAMY GOWDA.—Are not the villages of the Kirgaval Hobli very near to Malvalli and far distant from Bannur ? Is it not a fact that people are experiencing a lot of difficulties in having to get documents registered in the more distant place ?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—The distances in each case were not stated earlier. Now that information relating to this is before them. Government are considering whether the jurisdiction over a part of the hobli may not be re-transferred to the Malvalli Sub-Registry Office.

Mr. PUTTASWAMY GOWDA.—Will the Government be pleased to expedite action in that behalf ?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—Yes.

Mr. H. K. MADIAH.—Had not the Deputy Commissioner reported at the very outset to the Inspector-General of Registration that the proposal would lead to difficulties ?

Mr. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR.—When the transfer of jurisdiction was ordered, it was the hobli as a whole that came up for consideration. The distance from each and every village in the hobli was not noted. A Sub-Registry Office was opened at Bannur and in order that it might have enough work, certain jurisdiction was given to it. But it is now seen that that arrangement has resulted in inconvenience to certain villages. Necessary action will therefore be taken to transfer those villages back to the jurisdiction of Malvalli.

Mr. PUTTASWAMY GOWDA.—When will action be taken as promised ?